

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590



REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF S-6J

June 10, 2002

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Douglas K. Cowin, P.G. Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc. 200 S. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Request for Risk-Based Disposal Approval of PCB Remediation Waste from the Bryant

Mill Pond Area

Dear Ms. Barnett and Mr. Cowin:

I am responding to the May 9, 2002 request of Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc. ("BB&L") for risk-based disposal approval pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 761.61(c). I understand that subsequent to the conclusion of U. S. EPA's removal action at the Bryant Mill Pond area of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (the "Site"), approximately 500 cubic yards of PCB-contaminated paper residuals were found to be located in the Bryant Mill Pond area. BB&L seeks approval to dispose of those residuals, some of which contain PCBs at concentrations exceeding 50 ppm, in a manner consistent with that taken by U.S. EPA during the removal action, *i.e.* in the area referred to as the Bryant FRDL #3. U.S. EPA understands that BB&L hopes to complete this work this summer.

Region 5's TSCA and Superfund programs have reviewed the materials submitted by BB&L with its request, as well as certain other relevant materials contained in the Administrative Record for the Bryant Mill Pond removal action. TSCA and Superfund agree that FRDL #3 is an appropriate disposal area for the additional contaminated residuals, and that disposal of these

residuals in this area of the Site will not pose an unreasonable risk of injury to public health or the environment. Accordingly, Region 5 approves the May 9, 2002 request.

Although U.S. EPA expects that the disposal of these contaminated residuals in FRDL #3 will be consistent with the final remedy selected for the Allied OU, this risk-based disposal approval pertains only to the additional contaminated materials that BB&L will remove from the Bryant Mill Pond area, and not to the entire FRDL #3. U.S. EPA understands that Millennium Holdings is currently conducting an Interim Remedial Measure at the Bryant HRDL and FRDLs under the authority and supervision of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. U.S. EPA anticipates that Millennium Holdings will eventually seek risk-based disposal approval for the Bryant HRDL and FRDLs as part of the permanent remedy for the Allied OU.

Sincerely yours,

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